

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 477 – SB 836

March 9, 2015

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires that edges of main entrance steps into public buildings constructed, purchased, or leased by the State or its political subdivisions on or after July 1, 2015, be marked with yellow paint applied at a thickness of two inches. Requires such steps to be marked within 90 days after a public building is constructed, purchased or leased by the State or its political subdivisions.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$15,300

Assumptions:

- The precise number of future stairs is difficult to determine but new buildings typically have fewer main entrance steps than historical buildings. The Department of General Services (DGS) estimates an average of three ten-foot wide steps per location at an average cost of \$130 for paint and labor.
- In FY15-16, DGS assumes there will be 100 leased buildings and one new building that will require the entrance steps to be marked with yellow paint.
- In FY17-18 through FY19-20, DGS assumes there will be 70 leased buildings and one new building.
- In addition, beginning in FY21-22 and each year thereafter, DGS assumes an average of one building each year would need to be repainted.
- According to the State Architect's Office, the University of Tennessee (UT) and the Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) had approximately 40 leased buildings over the past year. Based on information provided by the State Architect, UT constructs three to four buildings each year and TBR constructs six to ten buildings each year.
- It is difficult to determine a precise cost as a result of this bill; however, it is reasonable to estimate approximately 110 leased buildings and another eight newly constructed buildings will need entrance steps painted or repainted resulting in a recurring cost of at least \$15,340 (\$130 x 118 buildings).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeffrey" and last name "Spalding" clearly legible.

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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